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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV COMMENT ON CHARTER 77

1. BELGRADE-BASED SWEDISH JOURNALIST KLAS BERGMAN, KNOWN TO YOU, WE BELIEVE, AND NOW IN PRAGUE, RECENTLY INTERVIEWED A CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIAL, AMBASSADOR JIRI SOBOTKA. BERGMAN TOLD US THAT IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION OF CSCE, SOBOTKA EXPRESSED HIS INDIGNATION AT A RESOLUTION HE SAID THE YUGOSLAV SKUPSTINA HAD PASSED CONDEMNING THE CZECHOSLOVAK REGIME'S SUPPRESSION OF CHARTER 77 AND CALLING FOR THE "RELEASE" OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK, WHO, SOBOTKA TOLD BERGMAN, IS NOT IN PRISON. NOTE: HAJEK HAS BEEN UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE AMOUNTING TO HOUSE ARREST, BUT HAS NOT BEEN IMPRISONED. END NOTE.

2. WHILE WE SUSPECT THIS TALE MAY BE A DISTORTION OF EVENTS, BERGMAN SEEMS A RELIABLE SORT AND SOBOTKA AN UNLIKELY SOURCE FOR A FABRICATION ALONG THESE LINES. CAN YOU CONFIRM OR DENY THE STORY?
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